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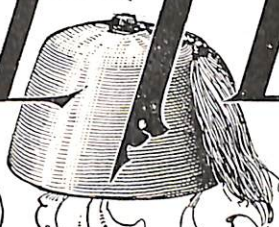

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THE LODGE.

BY BROTHER J. H. HARRISON.

Here we meet upon the level,
Craftsmen! on the checker'd floor
Of our great symbolic building.
Reared to labor, love and lore,
That has ever ope'd its portals
To the worthy, rich and poor.

We have turned us from the thronging
Of the aimless of the land,
To our temple's sacred altars,
To her laws and lessons grand,
To the teachings, that, forever
Like the temple, here we stand.

Right well laid is her foundation,
It is builded deep and strong,
Cemented to sustain the right,
And to e'er resist the wrong.
Unyielding to Time's ravage,
As the ages glide along.

Aye—upon a rock eternal,
This beauteous structure stands,
A blessed beacon seen of men,
In the near and farther lands,
And divinely planned of Heaven,
Though 'tis wrought with human hands.

See her adamantine corners
Reflecting light; and the peace
That will lighten all our labors,
Till our labors here shall cease,
'Till we leave the square and trowel,
'Till the Master gives release.

Do we love those polished pillars,
Rising grandly by the aisle,
That glisten in the glory-light,
That lingers here the while?
A million years unite as one,
And re-echos through the pile.

And the grandeur of the arches,
Of the great o'erspreading dome,
Inspires us with a love akin
To the tender ties of home,
And, brothers, in this holy bond,
To the temple now we come.

Love and peace unfold their pinions,
That sublime and sacred pair,
And benignly hover o'er us—
They are guardian angels there;
While harmony's sweet spirit floats
'Roundabout us everywhere.

Here we meet then, fellow craftsmen,
As within a sacred fane,
'Tis a mystic tie that binds us,
And, if hence, its golden chain
Is by only death dissevered,
We have labored not in vain.

While we linger here and labor,
Each performing well his share;
If there be distressed and needy,
Some that claim our help and care,
Let then our ways and works be tried,
By the level, plumb and square.

And here let us oft' assemble,
In the temple, where enshrined,
We have labor, love and learning,
Glorious trinity combined
To sanctify the hand and heart,
And to elevate the mind.

Davenport, Iowa.

MOUTH TO EAR.

The Mason is taught by an expressive symbol, to whisper good counsel in his brother's ear, and to "warn him of approaching danger." "It is a rare thing," says Bacon, "except it be from a perfect and entire friend, to have counsel given that is not bowed and crooked to some end which he hath that giveth it." And hence it is an admirable lesson, which Masonry here teaches us, to use the lips and the tongue only in the service of a brother.—*Cyclopedia of Masonry.*

EULOGY ON MASONRY.

Some time since, a distinguished, pious, and popular clergyman from the east was preaching in this city. With all his talents and excellencies, he had imbibed a prejudice against "secret societies," and took occasion one evening to let his hostility to such "societies" be known from the pulpit. In his attempt at ridicule, he likened them to "owls, who kept secret by day, but came out in the dark." He said, "if such societies are not anti-christian, they are certainly ante-christian," that they had outlived their day, etc. After he had got through with his attempted ridicule of Freemasonry, he turned his weapons against the churches and said, if *they* would do their duty, and put into practice the precepts of the Bible, there would be no occasion for such secret associations; but that they "were doing what the churches should do." This, coming as it did from an enemy to our Order, we thought the finest eulogy we ever heard pronounced upon "secret societies." "Doing what the church *should* do, but does not." A member of the fraternity would not dare to say so much, and, perhaps, should not; but it came from an enemy, and we have a right to it, and it is eulogy enough.

Brethren, continue to *deserve* this, and by your humane conduct, force it even from an enemy to the Order. Continue to do what the church should do; visit the fatherless and the distressed, comfort the afflicted, help the necessitous; this has earned you the eulogy. Go on—go on.—*Masonic Review*, 1845.

THE SLEEPING DISEASE.

On the western coast of Africa they have a singular and always fatal malady which is known as the sleeping disease, says the Pittsburg *Dispatch*. The person attacked by it is seized with a sensation of drowsiness, which continues to increase in spite of the efforts made to throw it off. Finally the patient sinks into a profound sleep, which continues for about three weeks, or until death ensues. The most curious feature of the disease is that aside from the drowsiness the patient seems much as usual. The pulse, respiration, and temperature are normal, while he may be easily aroused and will take nourishment and answer questions in a perfectly natural manner.—*Chicago Daily*.

[How wierdly like the heretofore unnamed and unknown disease that sometimes affects the life of some Masonic community. No cause is apparent; no remedy seems to cure it; the result is startling and fatal. It must be "the sleeping disease," brought over from Egypt among the mysteries, and, so long unchecked, death seems the only release.]—*Ed.*

BACK.

Freemasonry, borrowing its symbols from every source, has not neglected to make a selection of certain parts of the human body. From the back an important lesson is derived, which is fittingly developed in the third degree. Hence, in reference to this symbolism, Oliver says: "It is a duty incumbent upon every Mason to support a Brother's character in his absence equally as though he were present; not to revile him *behind his back*, nor to suffer it to be done by others without using every necessary attempt to prevent it." And Hutchinson, referring to the same symbolic ceremony, says: "The most material part of that brotherly love which should subsist among Masons is that of speaking of each other to the world; more especially it is expected of every member of this fraternity that he should not traduce a brother. Calumny and slander are detestable crimes against Society. Nothing can be viler than to traduce a man *behind his back*; it is like the villainy of an assassin who has not virtue enough to give his adversary the means of self-defense, but, lurking in darkness, stabs him whilst he is unarmed and unsuspicious of an enemy."—*Masonic Cyclopedia.*

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Mystic Masonry is a small 12 mo. volume bound in cloth, of nearly 300 pages, descriptive of the symbols of Freemasonry and the greater mysteries of antiquity by J. D. Buck, M. D., F. T. S, S. R. 32°. The work is illustrated with valuable charts and diagrams that make it a valuable addition to Masonic literature. Robert Clark Company, Cincinnati, O. Price $1.50.

"The Coming 'First Lady in the Land'" is the leading feature of the December *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines). Before the recent campaign closed the publishers of this popular magazine commissioned Mrs. C. F. McLean, of Cincinnati, to visit the McKinleys at Canton, and obtain pictures and data for a sketch of the then probable "First Lady in the Land," and of her family and home. The visit was entirely successful, and the well written and profusely illustrated article in the December *Midland* is the result. A description by N. Tjernagel, with full page pictures of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives; an illustrated sketch of Fairhope, the Alabama colony of Single-taxers, by J. Bellangee, the well-known single taxer; a Christmas Sketch of fifty years ago, a prize poem, stories of love and adventure, and an editorial sketch of "Ian Maclaren," are included in this number. Thus brilliantly closes the sixth volume of "the representative magazine of the Middle West."

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK.

In referring to the passage in Matthew vii:7—"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," Dr. Clark says these three words, *ask*, *seek*, *knock*, include the ideas of *want*, *loss*, and *earnestness*." The application made to the passage theologically is equally appropriate to it in a Masonic Lodge. You *ask* for *acceptance*, you *seek* for *light*, you *knock* for *initiation*, which includes the other two.—*Masonic Cyclopedia.*

Rev. G. B. Swartz, of Burlington, may be corresponded with for Masonic Lectures. He has filled a number of engagements lately to the satisfaction of his audiences.

INDIVIDUAL OPINION.

(In this department we shall admit brief discussions on Masonic subjects, but shall not assume responsibility for the same.)—*Editor.*

The fund of the Massachusetts Masonic education and charity trust now amounts to about $110,000.

A Grand Commandery of Knights Templar has been organized in the District of Columbia. Noble D. Larner is Grand Commander and I. L. Johnson, Grand Recorder.

The grand lodge of Hungary has addressed a petition to the Emperor of Austria asking him to exercise his authority to put down the practice of duelling, which appears to be on the increase in that country.

COMING EVENTS.

BY JOHN MALLERYSON.

If one may judge of the results of a certain course of action in a community he can with equal precision ascertain the ultimate outcome of a given line of conduct in an Institution, "founded upon the Word of God" and professing to gauge the conduct of its votaries by the laws laid down in the Great Light of all true Freemasons. I am no alarmist, nor do I think that the presence of an evil influence among us can destroy the magnificent work of Masonry, but I am not so blind to the facts, but that the evitable harm that will result in wrong doing will interfere with the good influence the Institution is intended to have in every community. We are living in times when every organization is likely to be influenced by the political methods of office getting and power seeking. The non-sectarian organization that follows, is doomed, though

it were hedged around with divine promises like Israel of old. Where the standard of fitness for preferment is "who best can work and best agree" the party lash sounds cruel and fateful. I have an humble place among the brethren, from which the dangers that threaten us are more clearly seen than if I were in the thick of the fight to raise up one and cast down another. The result will be, that the great uncrowned mass of the membership will soon arise and unite to sweep such unmasonic methods to the four winds of heaven, that no more remembrance may be had among men or Masons, of so vile a blunder as the political method in Masonic affairs. This is my first effort, but it shall not be my last, if the Editor will permit my opinions to be heard.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

Probably there is one thing that causes more trouble among Masons, and brings Masonry more into ill-repute among the profane than anything else, and that is misplaced confidence and broken faith among craftsmen themselves. There is no use beating about the bush in this matter. It is well known to Masons, and as much talked of by those outside of the institution, and the day is not far distant when it will be taken up by the grand bodies, and summary action taken upon the offenders. Occurrences of this kind have become altogether too frequent of late years for the good of the institution.

Scarcely a lodge can be found but which contains some one who has been ill-used by a brother Mason. Some sharp practice has been performed, promise broken or misleading advice given by a brother Mason against one who had a right to expect entirely different usage at his hands.

Election to a Masonic lodge is one of the best character recommendations any man can possess, providing the committee properly perform its duties, and the brethren vote intelligently. And there is no gainsaying the fact that our lodges are, as a rule, composed of the best men in the community. But it does not follow that they are all of that class, neither can it be helped if some fall from grace and do things they should not, but a strict weeding out of this class of people would have a salutary effect upon others, and would increase the public respect for Masonry an hundredfold.

Freemasonry is a brotherhood, a family wherein we are taught to help each other, to keep sacred a brother's secrets, and should we hear a brother's character wrongfully traduced, we should speak up in his behalf; should we deem him to be in danger, we should forewarn him: in fact, we should have full confidence in one another. But can we always rely upon receiving just treatment from our Masonic brethren? We regret to be compelled to answer in the negative.

Backbiting and petty jealousies between Masons should never be countenanced. There are some who seem to take great delight in spreading unsavory reports concerning their brethren. Such persons should have a quietus put upon them whenever they indulge in such reprehensible and un-Masonic conduct. Masons should pull together, and not permit anything to come between them.

At times it seems to us that the "broad mantle of Masonic charity" has grown so old and threadbare that it sadly needs repairing, or, perhaps. it would be better to have an altogether new one made.—*The Masonic Record*

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that all subordinate chapters of this jurisdiction, if deemed expediant, be permitted to exempt from dues all companions who may have been a member in good standing of their respective chapters for a period of twenty one years."—*Delaware.*

GRAND CHAPTERS.

The complaint of non-attendance of members at convocations in subordinate chapters is almost universal throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. To remedy this is a question that confronts us. Suggestions of almost every kind have been made to remedy this trouble. This apathy, no doubt, is the principal cause of a no greater increase in our membership. "Compulsion to attend is illegal and impracticable. Persuasive influence seems to be exhausted, and there seems to be only one thing left to accomplish the desired end, and that is individual effort and example. Diffidence and dereliction too often take possession of him who has been honored by his companions in days past. This thwarts the ambition of the novitiate and at once chills his nerves and throws a damper over his once fiery ambition. What an incentive to stimulate to do our duty, that others seeing our good works may be constrained to follow us, and become interested and proficient in our mystic rite.

"There are cogent reasons why we should attend to this important duty, despite pleasure and business, interferances. Obligations should be paramount, and duty the watch-word."—*Alabama.*

"In ages past all intellectual light radiated from ancient Rome, when it was an honor to be a Roman. So in our day there flashes a light from Rome, Georgia. The *Masonic Herald*, strictly a Masonic periodical, edited by one of our companions, who realizes the needs or the Order, and quickly flies to the rescue with all the zeal and enthnsiasm of his young manhood, throwing to the breeze his banner upon which is inscribed 'light,' and the Masons of Georgia should feel proud of the enterprise. I feel too confident of its success and your desire for the diffusion of more Masonic light than to believe that you would not support it. It is our own literature, uphold it. It is a message from a Mason to the Masons of the world in general and to the Order in Georgia especially. Encourage it, fill your lodge libraries with it, thereby disseminating knowledge and truth, and the reward will be a well-filled mind with Masonic lore and a heart overflowing with brotherly love and kindness."—*Georgia*

There is one evil that more than all others hangs like a cloud upon its good name; Intemperance, that curse of our day, is yet too common among the craft. Not being fully in favor of radical measures, I can only suggest and recommend that we, one and all, live temperate lives, seeking rather by example than by force to inculcate the cardinal virtue of temperance. Admonish in the kindest manner possible, and by brotherly council endeavor to correct the evil."—*California.*

The Guild of Commercial Travelers numbering in the United States a round 500,000, includes a vast number of Blue Lodge Masons, and a great number who proudly boast the possession of more degrees than three. Many among the great lights of Freemasonry are included in the Honorary Committee, and personally interested in the success of the big Commercial Travlers' Fair to be held in December 12-28, at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

The officers of the Fair are, Chairman, Chauncey M. Depew, L. L. D. Vice-Presidents, Hon. William L. Strong and Hon. Roswell P. Flower. Secretary, R. G. Dun, Esq., and Treasurer, Hon George E. Green, Mayor of the city of Binghampton, N. Y., and President of the Commercial Travelers' Home Association of America. The Director-General of the Fair is Col. A. B. de Frece. Mr. Alfred Chasseaud, is Assistant Manager, and Allen S. Williams is Chairman of the Press and Commercial Travelers' Day Committee.

The object of the Fair is to raise $150,000, the sum requisite to complete the Na-

tional Home for indigent American commercial Travelers', their dependent wives or widows, and their children.

A few among the well known Masons interested are, Messrs. Frank Lawrence, F. A Burnham, H. H. Brockway, C. Lantner, C. P. Wildey and Charles Millar.

A well qualified Reception Committee of Masons will be duly prepared to welcome in due form all worthy Western brethren who will doubtless travel toward the East about Fair time, and who, if qualified, will receive all the hospitable refreshment to whch their rank may entitle them. The Commercial Travellers' Fair will prove almost as much of a reunion for the Knights and Shriners as would a Conclave or a Pilgrimage.

STATE AND LOCAL CORNER-STONES DIFFER.

On the subject of corner-stones the Grand Master of Virginia made this decision, which was approved:

Permit me to say that there seems to be some misapprehension in the minds of the brethren, occasioned, it may be, by some confusion in the form of the ceremony given in the Digest, on the subject of the laying of corner-stones, and by whom they are laid. I apprehend that the Grand Lodge is convened in special communication to lay the corner-stone of national or state buildings, or of monuments commemorative of historical events, or as memorials of historic personages. The corner-stones of other buildings, such as churches, court-houses, schools and colleges, are laid by some subordinate lodge invited by the proper authorities to do so; if on such occasions the Grand Master or other officers of the Grand Lodge be present by invitation of the subordinate lodge, he conducts the ceremony as the Master of such lodge.---*Grand Master of Virginia.*

"Was it a success?" asked the playwright next morning, as he had been too nervous to attend the performance. "Great," answered the manager. "Even the deadheads applauded."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Oskaloosa, June 1, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Thos. Lambert.....Senior Grand Warden
Sabula.
Chas. Clapp Clark.....Junior Grand Warden
Burlington.
Jerome Merrill Woodworth.....Grand Treasurer
Marshalltown.
Thodore Sutton Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

W. L. Eaton.....Deputy Grand Master
Osage
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Cedar Rapids.
Rev. P. V. D. Vedder.....Grand Chaplain
Boone.
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Crawford.
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Lewis.
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Knoxville.

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GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Dec. 5, 1896.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I returned home at 2 o'clock this a. m., after a trip in Henry, Jefferson and Van Buren counties; spent three days at Hillsboro, Fairfield and Milton each, and one day at Cantril. The brethren visited on this trip have shown more than the usual interest in obtaining our standard work. I have had to make some changes in my appointments so as to accommodate the brethren interested. I hand you therefore revised list of appointments, and will have a continued list of new appointments for your issue in January. Appointments now on my trestle board are:

Zearing, Dec. 7th and 8th.
Anita—Dec. 10th, 11th and 12th.
Fredericksburg—Dec. 15th and 16th.
Strawberry Point—Dec. 17th and 18th.
LeGrand—Dec. 28th and 29th.
Spring Hill—Dec. 30th and 31st.
Odebolt—Jan. 5th, 6th and 7th.
Wall Lake—Jan. 8th and 9th.
Alton—Jan. 11th and 12th.
Paullina—Jan. 13th and 14th.
Primghar—Jan. 15th and 16th.
Dallas Center—Jan 22d and 23d.
Humeston—Jan. 26th and 27th.
Clarinda—Jan. 28th, 29th and 30th.
Red Oak—Feb. 1st and 2d.
Farragut—Feb. 3d and 4th.

This leaves the following places not located as to time on my list of calls up to the present writing, viz: Estherville, Elgin, Lime Springs, Adair, Hedrick, Iowa City, Kalona, Williams, Keota, Milford, Sibley, Hartley, Lone Tree, Dunlap, Spencer, Maxwell and Orient.

Brethren have been examined for new lodges at Buffalo Center, Larchwood and Corinth, and certificates issued accordingly.

The months are passing very rapidly and soon the spring months will again appear, so I am obliged to put in my work during the cold months with but little rest for my vocal organs for the time being. With the kindest remembrances I am,

Fraternally yours,
GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

By the time the Lodges are in the midst of elections, this journal will be in their hands, but the news of elections will still be fresh in January.

The annual election of officers for Crescent lodge A. F. & A. M., resulted as follows:

W. M.—A. M. Gough.
S. W.—J. W. Nobles:
J. W.—S. J. Conrad.
Treasurer—John W. Henderson.
Secretary—A. L. Sylvester.

A special communication has been called for Dec. 21, when the newly elected officers will be installed.

At the annual election of Mt. Hermon lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., held last evening, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

W. M.—C. D. Huston.
S. W.—M. W. Hazeltine.
J. W.—E. F. Cox.
Treasurer—H. C. Waite.
Secretary—T. Will Runkle.
Trustee—Geo. W. Bever.

We see it stated as a matter of some rarity, that an initiate in some jurisdictions has to undergo an examination in open lodge on the third degree. Why, in Iowa, they are required to go through that formality in all the degrees, and they cannot vote or hold office in the lodge until this rule is complied with.

As an Indian fighter Kit Carson was matchless. The identical rifle, which never failed him, and was used by him for more than thirty-five years, he bequeathed just before his death, to Montezuma Lodge, F. and A. M., Santa Fe, of which he was a member.—*P. P. Sept. 4, '96.*

A. A. S. R.

There are Consistorial bodies of this Rite at Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Des Moines and Davenport.

The announcement that E. W. Curry, 32°, a member of Des Moines Consistory No. 3, had died in Des Moines on Nov. 18, 1896, served to cast gloom all over Iowa, where he was so well known. The usual order and badge of mourning has been issued.

All members of the Rite will join us in expressing profound sympathy for our venerable Inspector General, Dr. Theodore S. Parvin, whose beloved wife has passed away after a lingering illness.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 21, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

MAX. BEEHLER.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Manchester.
W. D. Irvine.....Deputy Grand High Priest
Sioux City.
W. F. Cleveland.....Grand King
Harlan.
B. F. Parker.....Grand Scribe
Dubuque
R. F. B. Portman.....Grand Treasurer
Decorah.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

John Westley Geiger.....GRAND CHAPLAIN
Marion.
N. B. Hyatt.....Grand Captain of the Host.
Webster City.
L. H. Wallace.....Grand Principal Sojourner.
Washington.
Lafayette M. Matthews.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
Greeley.
I. P. Wilson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
Burlington.
W. F. Laraway.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
Glenwood.
W. M. Frantz.....Grand Master of the First Vail
Le Mars.
Theodore Schreiner.....Grand Guarp
Mt. Pleasant.

At the annual election of officers of Trowel Chapter No. 49, held Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, '96, the following were chosen:

H. P.—Wm. Elsom.
King—G. S. Petit.
Scribe—J. B. White.
Treasurer—Geo. W. Bever.
Secretary—A. H. Gough.

We continue to hear good words for the success of the Chapters throughout the state, and we expect to hear of a great many exaltations the present season.

Already the buzz is on about the coming General Grand Chapter in Baltimore, Md., next summer. The Railways are planning to care for the business.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Iowa Grand Templar Park, July 12, 1897.
Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Grand Encampment) Iowa, Missouri and Ohio—Sir Knight Geo. M. Moulton, V. E., Grand Captain General, Chicago, Ill., Representative.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. R. Ercanbrack.....GRAND COMMANDER
Anamosa.
F. H. Loring.....Deputy Grand Commander
Oskaloosa.
Geo. W. Bever.....Grand Generalissimo
Cedar Rapids.
J. H. Pettibone.....Grand Captain General
Burlington.
John Westley Geiger.....Grand Prelate
Marion.
D. M. Brownlee.....Grand Senior Warden
Sioux City.
Alex. Peddie.....Grand Junior Warden
Emmettsburg.
E. B. Shaw.....Grand Treasurer
West Union.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Recorder
Des Moines
L. T. Hawk.....Grand Standard Bearer
Dubuque.
W. H. Hart.....Grand Sword Bearer
Sac City.
Wm. Weldon.....Grand Warder
Iowa Falls.
Theodore Shreiner.....Grand Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

The following officers were elected in Dubuque Commandery, for the ensuing year:

E. C.—E. B. Trewin.
G.—B. F. Parker.
C. G.—J. R. Lindsay.
P.—W. P. Allen.
S. W.—John Kapp.
J. W.—E. S. Hyde.
Treasurer—Paul Kiene.
Recorder—H. L. Herron.

Charlie Wales still goes on practicing the art of running a good hotel and looking young and spry.

We acknowledge the invitation of our Mother Commandery, Mt. Zion 49, Harlan, to have participated in their entertainment on Nov. 25, 1896. Though absent in the body we were present in heart.

If fraters do not see the list of their Commandery officers in these columns let it be remembered that is not our fault. We watch every source from which to gather, but ought to receive word from each Recorder.

GARNOVILLO, Ia., Nov. 24, 1896.
REV. JNO. W. GEIGER,
EDITOR FREEMASON AND FEZ,
MARION, IA.

Dear Sir Knight:—At a regular conclave of Honorius Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, held at its Asylum at McGregor, Iowa, Monday evening, Nov. 16, 1896, the following officers were elected for the year 1897:

E. C.—Henry Meyer.
Gen.—W. A. Kregel.
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Courteously yours,
W. A. KREGEL.

KNIGHTLY LOYALTY.

The exhibition of those noble traits taught in the lessons of the asylum, is something not attained by all who meditate in silence and seclusion. Some never reach a higher level than the one on which they started as pilgrim warriors. The gleaming jewel of an additional personal honor dazzled the eye and clouded the brain, and no great lesson was learned. The carrying up of the old traits, inbred or imbibed in the outer life, develop not the "valient and magnanimous knight," not even the "serving brother" but the self-seeking time server who dreams of his own glory and sells his loyalty to the highest bidder. Think of a Templar who can so far forget his vows as to drag the white plumes of knighthood through the mire of a constantly evident selfish career. Is *any* office open he seeks it. Is he defeated, he sulks and refuses to obey the sounding "assembly" until the time for election comes again. He gathers the discarded ballots of his fraters to peddle them about for the purpose of detecting the men who vote against him; he hesitates at no act that would serve his narrow ends. Yet, he does not represent all the knightly brotherhood, for, thank God, there are many who, through the whole course of their lives as Templars, have tried to deny themselves, and be loyal and magnanimous.

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MASONRY.

The wrath of man hath pour'd in vain
Its vials on her jewel'd head;
But, lo! with time shall be her reign!
And when his last day-beam is shed,
Eternal splendors then shall gem
Her queenly brow's bright diadem.
—*Masonic Review, 1845.*

HIGHER MASONRY.

Some few among the many of the great Masonic family may imagine that they are high Masons, when they have taken all or a portion of the "additional" degrees or orders; but they are mistaken, wofully mistaken. The mere taking of numerous vows is no evidence of a man's standing in the true sense of "higher Masonry." No man can prove himself to be a true Mason by the size of his charm, or the number of eminent autographs he may have on his 'patent.' One of the most false-hearted men we ever met, (yea, more than one of them,) was one who had been oft' lifted to place and privilege, yet, when his true character was exposed, he was recreant to every Masonic vow he had ever taken. No, the mere outward adornment is not what Masonry judges by, but the inward *character.*

There is a higher Masonry, and there are many who are worthy to be accorded the honorable mention of the class. The man who is ever conscious that he has, by his voluntary act, allied himself to the Fraternity, to carry out as far as it lies in his power—"within the length of his cable tow," all he has promised to perform, is one who, though he wears only the white apron, who is a high Mason in the true sense of the word. The man who will ponder the solemn lessons of any Masonic degree, will never go backward, but forward. He will never go downward but upward. It is only in higher Masonry that one can safely look for true friends, for the place hunter and the commercial trafficker in Masonic dedegrees, trades and sells his fraters just as quickly as he will the shoddy goods which he tries to palm off, on "the square" or on "the fifth" in fact let the intelligent Mason be on his guard against the fellow whose message is of a kind that needs the protection of conditions, official Masonic business excepted. We long for the cultivation of an inner circle among men and Masons where the passport to favor will be in the largest sense, true Masonic character, without regard to the number of degrees; and where the lack of it will bar a man no matter how many glittering titles he may boast. That's the kind of a high Mason we believe in.

ELECTIONEERING.

Not long ago we had a brother say to us "ain't it a shame to see the Knights of Pythias openly announce through their journals and the secular press that Knight-so and-so is a candidate for the honor of being Grand Chancellor." To this we here make this observation, and it may go for what it is worth: It is not a bit more discreditable to openly announce the candidacy of a worthy brother to a Grand office, than it is to privately canvass the jurisdiction, with the use of the most pronounced campaign methods,—yea, it is not half as bad. It is not a bit worse to openly announce that a worthy brother is wanted for a certain position for a certain year, and a certain reason in that year, than it is to use sectarian arguments against a man's election, privately,—yea, verily, it is not one-tenth so unmasonic either. We are set for the defense of the cause so far as our weak efforts will reach, and it is high time to call a halt in this matter of detrimental electioneering for office, both in subordinate and Grand Bodies, of which we have undoubted evidence. We are as ready for that "slate smashing bee" as any of those who have urged it, but let the arguments come from the ranks, not from those who have passed the necessity of place hunting. We do not consider this any more applicable to our own jurisdiction than it is to others. Iowa is no worse than plenty of her neighbors, yet we would that no such thing were being charged all over the state, and we would that it were not true.

One of Watertown's favorite sons, Charles D. Bingham, was recently elected as the Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of New York, and received the 33° a few days later. On his return to his own city, Watertown Commandery, No. 11, K. T., surprised him with a magnificent reception.

"*The Fraternal News*," first year, No. 1, comes to our table from Bismarck, N. D., $1.00 per year. A 24-page magazine finely gotten up and illustrated. It has taken up the general fraternal interests and we wish it every success in its undertaking. R. D. Hoskins, Editor; W. E. Davis, Associate.

The delay in the issuing of the minutes of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, is not the fault of the Grand Secretary—not this time—for we have watched the affair. More another time.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Cherokee, Oct. —, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH, Newton.	GRAND MATRON
JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, Marion.	GRAND PATRON
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Mrs. Mary F. Jackson, Villisca	Ruth
Mrs. Hattie McGibbons, Sioux City.	Esther
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Mrs. Hattie L. Potts, Emerson	Warder
Theodore Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant.	Sentinel
Mrs. Bessie Thompson, Cherokee.	Organist

MRS. M. B. RATHBUN

Is the daughter of the Hon. Judge Blacker, of Ohio, a native of West Virginia, her mother a native of Ohio. Five children, four sons and one daughter, graced their home. Two of her brothers were instantly killed at the battle of Stone River, within a few minutes of each other, yet distant from each other on the field of battle. The younger, not 18 years old, had seen two years of service. Her parents have long since gone to their reward. The two brothers living are, one a physician in Ohio, the other a "ranchman" in California. With her mother and younger brother she came to Iowa in the sixties, living near Marion. In 1879 she was married to Dr. R. S. Rathbun, of Clinton.

Mrs. Rathbun, with her husband, were among the charter members of Clinton Chapter No. 65, O. E. S. She served two years as Associate Conductress; one as conductress; was elected Worthy Matron in '92, and re-elected in '93, but declined, her motto being that others should share the honors as well as labors. She was elected a Grand Conductress in '93; Conductress in '94; a Grand Matron in '95 and re-elected in '96. She also served as Deputy Grand Matron in 1895, in the First District, which position she still holds. She commands the respect of all who know her, and has, in her noble manner and bearing under all circumstances endeared herself to the members of the Order.

Poor Sister Ella L. Houghton, of Red Oak, Iowa, is published under Connecticut in the *Eastern Star Record*, instead of Grand Treasurer of Iowa, as she is, if you please.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron have decided to combine in trying to reach a decision on points of law, and to avoid any announcement on points well defined in the law.

A personal visit and inspection of Julien Chapter, Dubuque, Nov. 16, gave us a long desired chance to see the city, which, by the kindness of Brothers Herrmann and Capp, we enjoyed. The work was exceptionally well done; the banquet was toothsome and the social enjoyment was just what might be expected there. On the next evening the lecture "The New Woman" was given for the benefit of the Chapter.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich, June 8 and 9, 1897.
El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1897.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1897.

TO THE NOBILITY.

For two years we have striven to keep up this department in the hope that it might grow to be of value enough to warrant the enlargement of the Magazine so as to give some twenty pages of general Shrine news and some articles from the able contributors among our Nobles. Some have taken our effort kindly, some indifferently, some with sarcasm. Now, we come to you wherever you may be and ask you to help us. 1 By subscribing for it. 2 By showing it to your friends.

RECORDERS are on our exchange list and will receive your subscriptions.

Yours Faithfully,
JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

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2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

MEDINAH SPECIAL.

Already Medinah Temple is getting ready for Detroit. Their Imperial Council special is almost arranged for. We want in on that.

The invitation from Zurah inviting us to join them on Dec. 3, came to hand, but local matters were too absorbing to be left just then. Anon.

NOBLE REESE LOOSE IN K'Y.

We are in receipt of a spicy note from Noble L. W. Rees, who is down in "old Kentucky" describing his delightful time as a guest with his wife, of Korsair Temple, on their Isis, or ladies' night, Nov. 26, last. They know how to entertain down in Daddy Ryan's neck of woods. The reception, ball and banquet that followed the initiation of sixteen candidates, led L. W. to exclaim: "I have never seen anything of the kind before." The Korsairians certainly seem to make a splendid impression each time they meet.

NOBLE BAKER A BENEDICT.

Some of the Nobles of El-Kahir, who were willing to wager that our fellow Noble, Noyes Avery Baker, was a confirmed bachelor, will please note this item from a local journal:

"BAKER–HINDMAN.—Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hindman, of this city, (Marion), Thursday evening, Nov. 26, 1896, by Rev. A. H. Frazer, Mr. Noyes Avery Baker and Miss Mary Elizabeth Hindman."

The readers of this magazine will join with us in wishing the newly married couple a happy and prosperous life. Noyes is now a Shereef. Es-se-lamu-aleikum.

A MENACE TO ALL.

We have no word to say at this time against a soul on earth, nor do we want to see strife stirred up—that's why we write. The present plan of concurrent jurisdiction in Iowa is a menace to the peace of all the Nobility in and out of the state. That some one is responsible, the letters we have seen leave no doubt. When we advance the claim that we were initiated in one of the temples and have worked for five years with the other, we trust to be credited with an unselfish desire to see both prosper. This is not so at the present. Numbers do not make success, a full treasury may not mean true wealth,—it is rather that true harmony in which all desire the welfare of the entire Order, which betokens prosperity. We advocated the agreeable division of the territoy, and went to the Imperial Council hopeful to see that end brought about. The other plan was deemed expedient, and its fruits are upon us. We see darkness and unpleasantness ahead and the result will soon involve both Temples in unpleasant conditions. Let's have a fair division of Iowa and if need be give Sioux City and Des Moines each a Temple, but let us not continue the present disastrous competition.

A. A. O. N. M. S.

KAABA TEMPLE,
DAVENPORT, IA., Dec. 5, 1896.

ILLUSTRIOUS JOHN W. GEIGER,
RECORDER EL KAHIR TEMPLE
MARION, IOWA.

Illustrious and Dear Sir:

At the annual meeting of Kaaba Temple, held in Davenport, on Tuesday, December 1st, 1896, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz:

Illustrious Potentate—George F. White.
Chief Rabban—C. E. Birchard.
Assistant Rabban—Melville Bunker.
High Priest and Prophet—W. S. Underdonk.
Oriental Guide—Will H. Forrest.
Treasurer—Cyrus T. Darling.
Recorder—Cornelius J. Brown.
Trustee for 3 years, 1897, 1898, 1899—John Hoyt.
Representatives to the Imperial Council:
Cyrus T. Darling, Davenport, Iowa.
John Soller, Davenport, Iowa.
George M. Titus. Muscatine, Iowa.
George F. White, Davenport, Iowa.

Yours in the Faith,
CORNELIUS J. BROWN, Recorder.

EL-KAHIR—ANNUAL MEETING.

[The following is taken, largely from Noble Sidney Smith's Report to the Gazette of this city for December 10, 1896.—Editor.]

The annual meeting of El Kahir Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in this city yesterday and last evening was one of the most enjoyable events in the history of the temple. At the afternoon session the annual election of officers was held, which resulted as follows:

Illustrious Potentate—Austin D. Brown, Manchester.
Chief Rabban—E. I. Alderman, Marion.
Assistant Chief Rabban—C. H. French, Cedar Rapids.
High Priest and Prophet—William Flanagan, Cedar Rapids
Oriental Guide—W. A. Dearborn, Stone City.
Treasurer—James L. Bever, Cedar Rapids.
Recorder—John Westley Geiger, Marion.
First Ceremonial Master—E. L. Camp, Marion.
Second Ceremonial Master—John S. Clemmons, Cedar Rapids.
Director—F. H. Juckett, Cedar Rapids.
Marshal—C. P. Emerson, Cedar Rapids.
Captain of the Guard—A. L. Beardsley, Manchester.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the Nobles repaired to the Armory of Company C, where the ladies of Cedar Chapter No. 184, Order of the Eastern Star, served one of the most elaborate luncheons ever given in the city. It is needless to say that it was most thoroughly enjoyed by the Nobles whose appetites had been sharpened by their afternoon's labors. Following the lunch cigars were served and social converse was enjoyed until 8 o'clock, when the meeting was again called to order and the new officers introduced by Illustrious Potentate Geo W. Bever. The evening session for work had its own pleasures, which were enjoyed by all in attendance as well as the several candidates who crossed the burning sands. Those who were made Nobles were, Chas. S. Berry, E. W. Biggs

and E. A. Osborn, of Marion; A. H. DeLane, Lone Tree, John Hamilton, M. D., W. H. Mihills, of Cedar Rapids, James M. Hyde, M. D., of Brandon; Geo. W. Swords, Iowa City; P. R. Swords, Ames, and C. V. Young of La Porte. T. W. R. Kerton was duly elected, but was not present.

The business features of the meeting were in the usual routine.

The address of the Potentate was an able document and embodied many salient features. We append a few items:

ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

We find our pages ever compelled to chronicle the saddest of information, and while we enroll the youngest Noble with joy, our hearts bow down with sadness as the news reaches us that death, riding his black camel, halts before the tents of our best beloved. The past year has been no exception, in the fact that we must here announce that eleven Nobles have been reported to us as having entered the Unseen Temple. Let us hope that they have found that unbroken harmony for which in life we sigh but never see. Their names and the date of their deaths we give herewith:

A. M. Head, Jefferson, Iowa, died November 16, 1894.

W. G. Bevier, Tipton, Iowa, died February, 1895.

E. Dudley Steadman, Vinton, Iowa, died November 1, 1895.

Charles H. Graham, Ida Grove, Iowa, died December 31, 1895.

Thomas A. Burbank, Marion, Iowa, died January 7, 1896.

Paul Nandell, West Union, Iowa, died January 20, 1896.

Wm. Linter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died March 1, 1896.

Frank D. Hussey, Des Moines, Iowa, April 18, 1896.

Leander J. Bohn, Dubuque, Iowa, died April 23, 1896.

M. W. Bibbins, Des Moines, Iowa, died July 6, 1896.

Samuel G. Smallpage, New Hampton, Iowa, died July 25, 1896.

Charles T. Adamson, Le Mars, Iowa, died August 29, 1896.

It is much regretted by your recorder that in several instances the first information he has had of the decease of the Noble was in answer to repeated notices to pay dues. Whenever an answer came from the family of the departed, he has hastened to apologize for the act, but felt that some of our own members resident in the same place might have sent a notice at the time of the death.

CHARITY.

At the eighth annual meeting of the temple a resolution was passed appropriating $100 per year for charitable purposes. Some weeks ago, through the illustrious recorder, $25 was sent to a needy noble, sick and in distress. I did not feel authorized to use the funds of the temple for the local charities of this oasis. The poor and needy are everywhere. As Masons we are first taught charity, as that most ancient and greatest of all secret orders has ever dispensed charity with a loving, lavish hand. As Knight Templars, we have each raised our strong right arm to Allah and willingly added to our temple vows protection to "destitute widows and helpless orphans;" as nobles we could not do less than the wild Arab of the plains, give protection and help to friend or stranger who appeals for that help within the shadows of his sacred tent. I doubt if any worthy appeal for assistance and help to a noble of El Kahir has been made in vain.

There has been no serious disaster or calamity within the borders of this great desert that would seem to claim our generous sympathy in general.

At home or abroad there seems to be no present demand for our kind offices, save in distracted Cuba, where our brethren are offering as a sacrifice on the altar of liberty the warm life blood of her patriot people, men, women and children, in her effort to throw off the oppressive yoke of tyrany and despotism, an effort to secure the freedom of country and home, which we, the citizens

of the greatest freedom-loving republic on earth have fought for, not in vain, and love so much.

However, I make no recommendations, but refer the communication from the imperial potentate to your wise consideration and generous action.

Finally, I wish to thank the nobles for the cordial support they have given me, their kind consideration throughout the year and ever generous response, on all occasion when called upon. I particularly desire to thank my associate officers who have uniformly and promptly responded to every call in the interest of the temple, and who have given me their generous co-operation at all times, and betweem whom and myself the utmost harmony has prevailed.

How well I have performed the duties of the honorable position entrusted to me a year ago I leave to your kind criticising, relying on your open expressed friendship and with the self-conviction that any errors committed have not been from the heart. I trust it is not necessary to assure you that the honor, integrity and interests of El Kahir have ever been uppermost in my mind.

GEO. W. BEVER.
Illustrious Potentate.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Your committee to whom was referred the annual message of the Illustrious Potentate desire to congratulate the Temple on having had so creditable and business-like an administration of their affairs as is shown to have been theirs during the years jnst closed.

In the matter of charity we feel that while spending so much for our own pleasure we can afford to and should be liberal in charitable affairs, and as the conditions are such as to appeal strongly to our sympathies, we recommeud that the sum of one hundred dollars each be donated to the Armenian relief committee of New York for the relief of the poor and helpless children who have been orphaned by the late lamentable disturbances in Armenia, and to the Cuban junta at New York for the relief of struggling and bleeding Cuba. Also the sum of $25.00 was voted to a deserving wife of a vagrant noble. The Potentate and Recorder were authorized to expend $200 on needed charity during the year.

E. E. CLARK,
T. S. PARVIN,
GEO. W. BALL.

The reports of the Treasurer and Recorder show that $6,047.79 is the gross amount received, while $6,434.01 went out for all purposes, leaving a deficit of $386.22 against a like shortage last year of $719.68 The recorder was ordered to notify all in arrears for $3 or over for dues, of their suspension from membership on and after April 30, 1897.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The election of Representatives seemed the most interesting topic of the day thus far. Many were nominated, but four were chosen, viz:

A. D. Brown, Manchester; M. S. Rizer, Clinton; E. E. Clark, Cedar Rapids, and Geo. W. Ball, of Iowa City.

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Fruit.
Oranges. Grapes.
Coffee.

We heard none but words of praise for the delightful spread. The only regret we think of is, that some of the time between business and ceremony, was not used for post-prandial oratory with some of these nobles present from whom we would have liked to hear.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
Geo. J. Miller,	Ft. Scott, Kan.
J. H. Murray,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Edw. N. Pickering,	Boston, Mass.
Rollin E. Smith,	Spokane, Wash.
Guy H. Strong,	Duluth, Minn.
H. T. Lauderbach,	St. Charles, La.
J. W. Pollock,	Vinton, Ia.
Geo. Mull,	Ashland, Wis.
B. F. Howland,	Vinton.

ABOUT MISSING NOBLES.

Numerous responses have come to our inquiries about Missing Nobles, but letters still continue to be "returned to writers for all whose names are "on the list this month." Some are and others "are not" in good standing. Recorders will do well o demand the passports of visitors.

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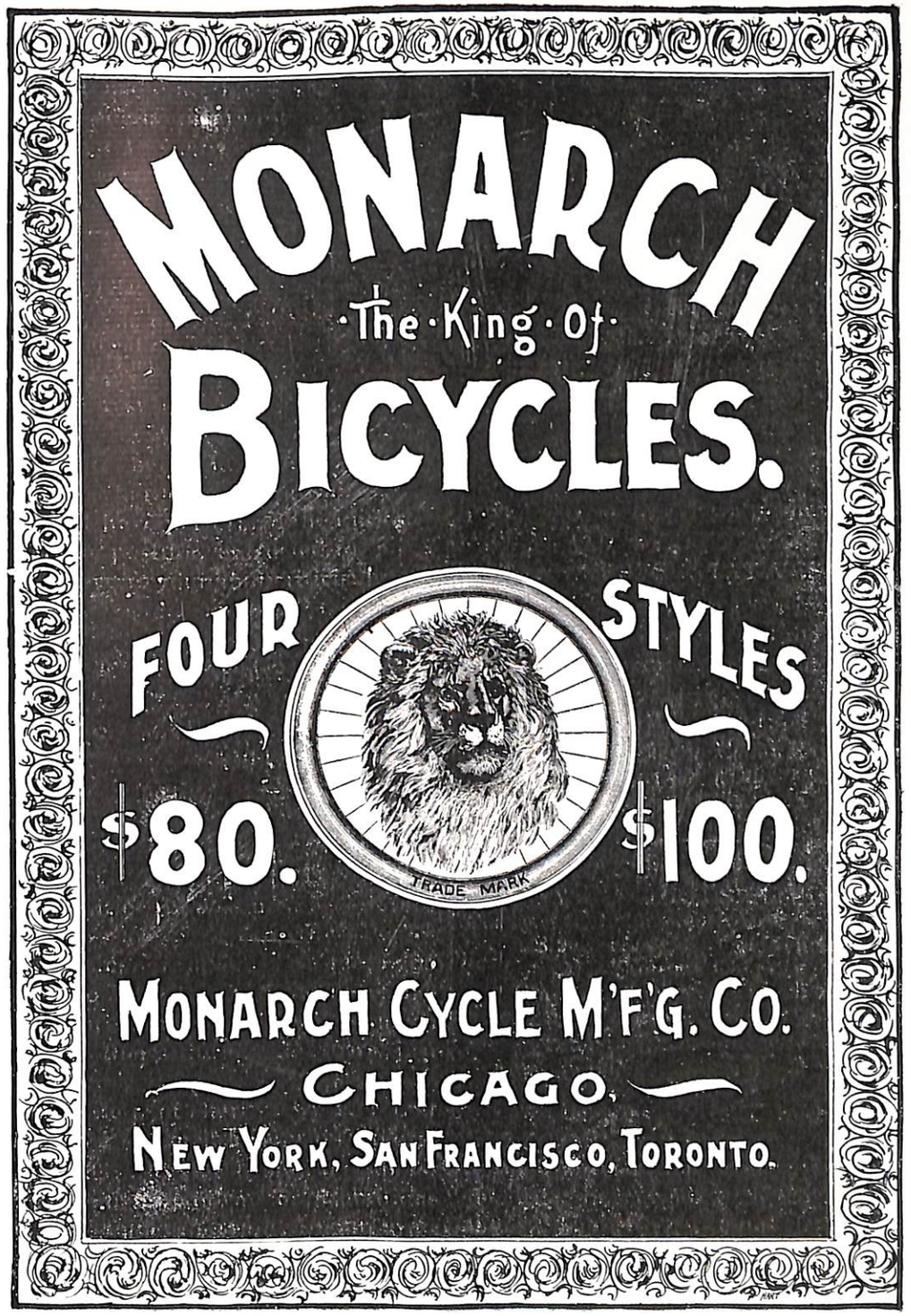

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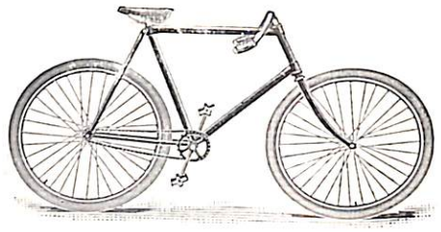

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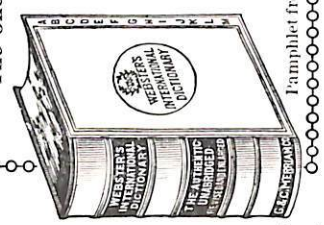

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